Kettle Moraine State Forest Northern Unit







2019 Autumn Programs

Welcome to the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit, a unit of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve. The Kettle Moraine is internationally known for its famous glacial landforms and fascinating diversity of plants and animals. We encourage you to stop in at the Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center to learn more about our glacial past and to plan your stay in the Kettle Moraine.

Throughout the year, the forest naturalists present a wide array of fun-filled educational programs. These programs are held at the Ice Age Visitor Center, Mauthe Lake Recreation Area, Long Lake Recreation Area, and at other spots in the forest. There are programs for all interests and age levels. Check out this brochure to find opportunities which pique your fancy. Most programs are free, but some forest locations do require a Wisconsin State Park System vehicle admission sticker. We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events. For more information about the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit or the public programs, please contact the forest staff at the following locations:





Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit N1765 County Road G Campbellsport, WI 53010 (262) 626-2116

Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center Located half mile west of Dundee N2875 County Road G (not a mailing address) Campbellsport, WI 53010 (920) 533-8322



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Special Events

Events sponsored by the Friends of the Kettle Moraine.

Women's Day in the Outdoors

September 14, 9:30 am-3:30 pm (Saturday) Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Picnic Shelter

Through hands-on activities, gain basic outdoor skills from knot tying and fire building to tent pitching, outdoor cooking, and more. Learn from experienced women how to become comfortable spending time enjoying the great outdoors. Register by calling (920) 533-8322 by **September 9.** Fee: \$5.00/person for lunch costs



Halloween Nature Hikes

October 18 and 19 (Friday and Saturday) 6:30-9:30 pm Mauthe Lake Recreation Area

Traverse through the dark autumn woods to meet those things with wings: the fast-flying bat, the radiant scarlet tanager, dazzling dragonfly, and many more. This is not a scary hike and is best for those over 5 years of age. Groups leave every six minutes. The last hour-long hike leaves at 8:30 pm. While waiting for your hike, enjoy playing fun-filled games, making a craft to take home, or snacking by the glow of a campfire. In the event of severe weather, the event will be canceled for that night.

Fall Drop In Programs

Drop in on the forest naturalists. They will have artifacts, activities, and answers to your nature and outdoor questions. Come for a few minutes or more than an hour for some nature fun. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.

Tree Houses for Wildlife

September 28, 10:00 am-2:00 pm (Saturday) September 29, 11:00 am-2:00 pm (Sunday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Trees provide homes to many different animals. Find out what animals live in the leaves, branches, trunks, bark, and roots of forest and city trees.

Nature Printing

October 5, 10:00 am-2:00 pm (Saturday) October 6, 11:00 am-2:00 pm (Sunday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Let your artistic energies flow! Using objects from nature, print lovely designs on cloth or note cards. Bring a T-shirt or bandanna or purchase one that day.

Creatures of the Night

October 12, 10:00 am-2:00 pm (Saturday) October 13, 11:00 am-2:00 pm (Sunday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Uncover what animals are awake while we sleep and how they survive under the cloak of darkness.

Nature Storytimes

An hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults. Join us for stories, games, crafts, and songs on the first and third Friday mornings of each month. Programs held at the Ice Age Visitor Center.

The Chirping Choir

September 6, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday) Ice Age Visitor Center



Who are the members of this evening choir? Listen and learn about crickets and their noisy relatives.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Legs!

September 20, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday) Ice Age Visitor Center

What has eight legs? Spiders of course! Discover some fascinating facts about these silk-spinning insect-eaters.

Leaves of Many Colors

October 4, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Join us as we wander the autumn woods to find as many different colored leaves as we can. We will also solve the mystery of why trees drop their leaves in fall.



What's for Lunch?

October 18, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday) Ice Age Visitor Center

You may have a hamburger for lunch, but what do the animals eat? Find out what is on the lunch menu for the wild animals of the Kettle Moraine.

Those Sly Foxes

November 1, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Come investigate the world of the sly, shy, secretive fox.

Oh Deer!

November 15, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Find out incredible facts about one of Wisconsin's largest woodland creatures – whitetail deer.

Chick-a-dee-dee-dee

December 6, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday) Ice Age Visitor Center



Always bright-eyed and full of energy, chickadees add a cheery note to any winter day. You'll be amazed by the lives these tiny birds lead.

Forever Green

December 20, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Forever green are the evergreens. Join us as we investigate these truly remarkable trees.



December 20, 6:30-8:00 pm (Friday)

Zillmer Trails Area (located off County Road SS between

County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)

Gather around the fire as we share traditions of the longest night of the year. We will then travel through the dark woods to find out what animals are awake and braving the cold of a winter night. This hike is best for families/groups with children older than 6 years old.

Exploring Nature Programs

Everyone is invited to participate in 1 to 2 hours of hands-on nature fun. Adults are encouraged to work with their children. These programs are best for families/groups with children between the ages of 6 and 12 years.

Eight Legs and Silk

September 7, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Spiders are found in almost every environment on earth. Untangle cool facts about these silk spinners.

Predator vs Prey

September 21, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Who will win – the predators or the prey? Explore what adaptations each possess that help them survive.

Nature's Unloved

October 26, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Unearth intriguing facts about some of nature's unloved critters including bats, skunks, slugs, and spiders. You may just go away liking them or at least appreciating their role in nature.

Wild Gobblers

November 9, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday) Ice Age Visitor Center

What's our state's largest woodland bird? The wild turkey! After discovering all the incredible adaptations of turkeys, you'll understand why Ben Franklin suggested that the turkey might be a better national bird than the bald eagle.



Gifts from the Heart of Nature

December 14 (Saturday) 10:00 am-12:00 pm **OR** 12:30-2:30 pm Ice Age Visitor Center

Why not create a gift using materials from nature? We will make several crafts from

ornaments and sun catchers to pressed flower note cards. Space is limited. To ensure plenty of supplies, register by calling (920) 533-8322 by **December 12.**

An Evening with Nature

Meet at the Ice Age Visitor Center or site listed for informative and entertaining presentations. Forest staff or guest presenters provide the programs, which are best for adults and youth over 10 years old.

Solving the Mysteries of Hibernation

September 12, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Hannah V. Carey, Ph.D., Professor of Comparative Biosciences and Director of Biotron Laboratory, UW-Madison

Many animals spend the winter hibernating to avoid the season's hardships. Dr. Carey will explain the mysteries of hibernation and the new discoveries made by scientists. She will share how these findings may benefit humans in a number of ways.

Before the Hunt

October 17, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenters: Josh Jackl, DNR Wildlife Biologist
Nick Miofsky, DNR Conservation Warden

Before you head out to bag a pheasant, buck, or other quarry, join Wildlife Biologist Jackl to learn what work the DNR wildlife team undertakes to provide good habitat for game animals and wonderful hunting opportunities. He will explain the science that goes into determining hunting seasons, areas, and quotas. Warden Miofsky will also be on hand to share any changes to and answer any questions about the hunting rules and regulations.

Thousand-Miler

November 12, 7:30-9:00 pm (Tuesday) Turning Rivers Camp (located off Youth Camp Road between County Road G and County Road S near New Fane)

Presenter: Melanie Radzicki McManus, Thousand-Miler and Author

Millions of people take to the Ice Age National Scenic Trail every year, but only a few intrepid hikers become Thousand-Milers, those who travel the full 1000 miles. Join McManus as she shares tales of her incredible adventures of through hiking the entire Ice Age Trail.



Gottfried Arboretum's Create a Winter Wreath

November 14 (Thursday) Session 1: 1:00-3:30 pm OR Session 2: 6:00-8:30 pm

Zillmer Trail Shelter (located off County

Road SS between County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)

Using a variety of natural materials, create a beautiful wreath and swag that will enhance your home's winter decor. To register, call (920) 940-8869 by **November 12**. The program is best for people over 12 years old. Cost: \$20.00/person; fee payable to the Gottfried Arboretum.

That Tree - An Unintended Adventure

December 12, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Mark Hirsch, Author

While recovering from a near fatal car accident, Mark Hirsch became motivated to embark on a unique adventure. He took a photo a day of a lone bur oak tree in a Wisconsin cornfield. Find out how spending time with "That Tree" provided him with a transformative and therapeutic journey of self-discovery, inspiration, and enlightenment.



Ice Age Trail Trekkers

This informal group of people comes together on Wednesdays to enjoy an hour or two hiking along the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Shuttles will be available between the starting and finishing spots.

September 4, 7:00-8:30 am (Wednesday) September 11, 6:00-7:30 pm (Wednesday)

Meet at Ice Age Trail/Shelter 1 Parking Lot (located off County Road H on the north side of the road east of Milwaukee River near Kewaskum) for a stimulating 1.95-mile hike between Hwy 28 and County Road H.

September 18, 7:00-8:30 am (Wednesday) September 25, 6:00-7:30 pm (Wednesday)

Meet at Ice Age Trail County Road H Parking Lot (located off County Road H on the south side of the road west of Milwaukee River near Kewaskum) for a beautiful about 2-mile fall hike between County Road H and the Eisenbaun Trail at Hwy 45.

Get Outdoors! Go...

Yoga on the Trail

September 4, 6:00-7:00 pm (Wednesday) Ice Age Visitor Center

Through this intro class, all levels will find benefit; beginners have an opportunity to absorb new elements, and the more advanced have time to go deeper into a practice. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. An engaging experience for those over 10 years old.



Trail Run Zillmer

September 18, 6:00-7:00 pm (Wednesday)
Zillmer Trail Area (located off County Road SS between
County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)

Join an experienced trail-runner for a run on the 2-mile Green Loop. Proper warm-up and cool-down exercises demonstrated. For anyone over 10 years old.

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